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TO EXPAND AGRICULTURAL AREA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 79, 2 Apr 50

The East German Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry is planning to implement a program for the expansion and improvement of agricultural land by means of water control.

Water-distributing installations are to be restored over an area of 78,900 hectares, and new hydraulic installations will be set up over an area of 26,000 hectares. Ten thousand hectares of wasteland are to be brought under cultivation.

FOUND AGROBIOLOGICAL WORK COOPERATIVE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 72, 25 Mar 50

A new Michurin work cooperative has been founded under the direction of Prof Schneider (fnu) of the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena. The group will exploit the new agrobiological findings of Soviet scientists and will act as consultants to agricultural enterprises and to people-owned farms and seed-growing stations

1,846 PERSONS ENGAGED IN SERICULTURE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 74, 28 Mar 50

A total of 15,500 kilograms of new cocoons were raised in the German Democratic Republic in 1949, 13,000 kilograms of which were first-grade quality. Sachsen produced 6,000, Brandenburg 4,000, Sachsen-Anhalt 3,450, Mecklenburg, 1,500, and Thuringen 550 kilograms. At present, 1,846 persons are engaged in sericulture in the German Democratic Republic. Silk delivered to silkworm raisers in 1949 in return for their cocoons amounted to 4,500 meters, with a value of 65,000 Deutsche marks.

The Jena silkworm-breeding station made 24 kilograms of eggs available in 1949.

OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON FARM PAYMENTS -- Thueringer Volk, No 71, 24 Mar 50

The Thuringen Finance Ministry has informed its new farmers that they will receive substantial price reductions if they pay for their land now. Originally, payments were supposed to be made within 10 or 20 years. Now a 10-percent reduction is offered to those farmers who pay their balance before 30 March 1950, a 6-percent reduction to those who pay before 31 December 1950, and a 3-percent reduction to those who pay before 31 December 1951.

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